



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Constitution Week

WHEREAS, September 17, 2012, marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Constitutional Convention, providing an historic opportunity for all Americans to remember the achievements of our Founding Fathers and to reflect on the actions of Americans who for the past 225 years have defined the words of the Constitution by exercising their rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution is fundamentally predicated on governance by "We the People" making citizens' understanding of the Constitution and its framework an essential element of the future of our country and the civic health of its populace; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this remarkable document and the milestone anniversary of its creation, and the additions to it in the form of 27 amendments; and

WHEREAS, the National Constitution Center, America's first and only non-partisan, non-profit institution devoted to the Constitution, located in Philadelphia across from Independence Hall where the Constitution was drafted and signed, is the home of the 225th anniversary celebration of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, May 29th, 1790 marks the anniversary of Rhode Island's statehood and ratification of the Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 2012 as Constitution Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 28th day of December, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State